



**Come and Join Our Church Family
for**

OUR CELEBRATION SUNDAY

on

Sunday, February 9, 2025

**Come and Join Us for this special celebration of
OUR SCOUTING MINISTRIES
AND OUR
UPWARD BASKETBALL MINISTRY**

Lunch Will be Served at No Cost

Following the 11:00 AM Service

Hamburgers, Hotdogs,

Mac and Cheese, Green Beans

& Brownies

Lemonade, Tea, Coffee and Water

Invite Your Family and Friends to Join Us!

All Volunteers and Participants

In Our Scouting Ministries

And Our Upward Ministry

Will Be Recognized

during Our Services

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

WEEKLY EVENTS

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- Held during the 9:30 AM Worship Service
- Nursery & Toddlers: Room 6105 in the Family Life Center
- 3 & 4 year olds: Room 4110 in the Education Building
- K - 3rd Grade: Fellowship Hall
- 4th- 6th Grade: Room 6204 in the Family Life Center

CHILDREN'S GATHERING: 10:15 AM TO 11:00 AM

In between Children's Sunday School and Children's Worship, children can gather in the Fellowship Hall and enjoy food, drinks, and fellowship while listening to some of their favorite worship songs!

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

- Held during the 11:00 AM Worship Service
- Grades K-6
- Located in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

- Open 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Ages 0-2: Room 6105 in the Family Life Center
- Ages 2-4: Room 4110 in the Education Building

SUNDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS 4:30 - 7:30 PM

- All 1st- 6th graders are welcome to a night full of Faith, Food and FUN!
- The night will include Bible Discovery, Choirs, Games, Activities, and more!
- Dinner: \$5

Club 456/JAM Choir (4th - 6th graders)

- **4:30 PM:** Drop off in the Fellowship Hall (Building #7)
- **7:30 PM:** Pick up in the Music Center (Building #2)

Kids Club/ Carol Choir (1st - 3rd graders)

- **4:30 PM:** Drop off in Fellowship Hall (Building #7)
- **7:30 PM:** Pick up in the Fellowship Hall (Building #7)

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH: PARENT'S NIGHT OUT VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

- Dinner, Valentine's Day crafts & activities, and watch a movie on the big screen!
- \$20 for 1st child, \$15 for each additional child
- **Drop off:** 5:30 PM in the Family Life Center Lobby
- **Pick up:** No later than 9:30 PM in the Family Life Center Lobby
- Scan the QR Code to Register by Sunday, February 9th



MARCH 15TH-21ST: CONFIRMATION MISSION TRIP TO VALDOSTA, GA

Our Confirmation class will be serving others during their Spring Break by completing a mission project through Praying Pelican Missions in Valdosta, GA. These students will be working directly with families that have been impacted by disaster, and assisting them with various mission projects throughout the area. This mission trip will allow our Confirmands to learn about other cultures, and experience the joy of serving others while simultaneously growing in their Christian discipleship. It is our hope that this mission trip will encourage our Confirmands to become active participants in spreading the Gospel message and living out their faith in the world.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY SUMMER KIDS CAMP 2025

- Kids Camp is a single day version of our summer Vacation Bible Camp. This ministry is a full day program from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. The purpose of this ministry is to meet the needs of the families in our church and community, while teaching children about Jesus Christ. The day includes breakfast, lunch, two snacks, an exciting field trip & other activities. If interested in volunteering, please contact Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org or (904) 264-2241 Ext. 243
- Cost: \$40.00 per child per camp

KIDS CAMP DATES & ACTIVITIES

- Wednesday, June 4th- Horseback Riding at Batton Family Ranch

- Wednesday, June 11th- Shrimping on the Amelia Island Shrimp Boat River Tour
- Wednesday, June 18th- Pinball Palace in Brunswick, GA
- Wednesday, June 25th: Epic Theatres of St. Augustine IMAX
- Wednesday, July 2nd: Wild West Train Ride & Show in Kingsland, GA
- Wednesday, July 9th: St. Augustine Pirate Ship Cruise
- Wednesday, July 16th: Sweet Pete's Candy Making Class
- Wednesday, July 30th: Swimming at Madison Blue Springs

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2025- EGYPT: JOSEPH'S JOURNEY FROM PRISON TO PALACE

At Egypt VBC, everyone gets to explore first-hand the culture of Joseph's world. Alongside Joseph, they'll experience the heartbreaking trials, joyous victories, and tear-filled celebrations of this unique Bible hero.

- Dates: July 21-25, 2025
- 7:30 AM-5:30 PM Daily
- Includes breakfast, lunch, two snacks, exciting field trips and experiences, and more!
- Grades PreK- Rising 6th Graders
- Exciting field trips and experiences including Skate Station Skate Park, Tree Hill Nature Center, live camel rides, and more!

COST AND PAYMENTS

- Participant Cost: \$200 per child
- \$100 Refundable Deposit Due Upon Registration. (Full refunds on deposits/payments are available if cancellation is on or before June 23rd)
- Youth/Adult Volunteer Cost: \$85 per person (this cost covers field trips, shirt, and meals)
- Deadline for Registration & Final Payment- June 23rd
- To register your child, or to register as a volunteer, scan the QR Code:



Please contact Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org or (904) 264-2241 Ext. 243 for any questions about VBC!

YOUTH MINISTRY

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School - 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

We join together in the Youth Classroom and then break into smaller conversation groups.

SUNDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

- 4:30 - 5:30 PM - Service opportunities: Youth Choir, Children's Ministry, or Church A/V training
- 5:30 - 5:55 PM - Activity/Game in the Gym
- 6:00 - 6:20 PM - Dinner (\$5) in the Gym
- 6:25 - 7:00 PM - Worship in the youth worship center
- 7:00 - 7:30 PM - Age appropriate small groups

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING BREAK TRIP (TAMPA BAY)

- Friday, March 14th - Monday, March 17th
Stay at Lake Magdalene Methodist Church in Tampa, FL. We are going to Busch Gardens for a day and enjoy the beautiful beach at Honeymoon Island State Park.
- We will also worship at Lake Magdalene on Sunday morning.
- Cost: \$200



SPRING CONFIRMATION RETREAT

- Friday, April 25th - Sunday, April 27th
This is the first retreat that our rising 7th graders/Confirmation students can participate in. We look forward to having a big group this year! There are opportunities to kayak or enjoy their slip-and-slide into the lake. This year we are also going to have tubing in the lake!
- Cost: \$70



YOUTH ACCOUNT

If you would like to request the use of youth account funds for a trip you can use the form connected with this QR Code to make that request known to our youth department.



SUMMER EVENTS

SUMMER INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP

- Friday, June 20th - Friday, June 27th
- Destination: Belize
- Mission Organization: Praying Pelican Missions
- Student Cost: \$800
- Chaperone Cost: \$1200



FUNDRAISERS

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISER

Youth and parents lead kids 0-6th grade in games and crafts, serve dinner, and end the night with a movie in the Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from PNO go directly to the accounts of the students who work the event. Contact Ellen Despres to sign up. She can be reached at 264-2241 ext. 243.

UPCOMING PNO DATES

February 14th, March 7th, April 11th, May 16th

YOUTH ACCOUNTS

Each student can earn money for use on trips and events that are held in an account for them. Students can earn money working Parent's Night Out events and our biggest fundraiser, the Pumpkin Patch. If you have any questions about youth accounts or would like to check your student's account balance, you can contact Jason at 904-264-2241 ext. 282.

EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

At the beginning of February, we will discuss Groundhog Day and teach the children about animals and hibernation. February is the month of love and a perfect time to teach our children about God and the Church. We will be discussing love of family members on Valentine's Day and God's love for all of his children. Included in the curriculum are Black History Month, Animals at the Farm, President's Day, Into the Wild, and Dr. Seuss.

Registration for our full-time facilities is ongoing. If you are interested or know of anyone interested in attending, please call (904) 264-7330 to come tour our facilities. Remember we also provide the VPK Voucher for Pre-Kindergarten at Early Education Center for full-time children with a weekly fee.

February is also Dental Month, so we will have the dental hygienists (from Dr. Kailes' office) visit to teach our children the importance of taking care of their teeth. The staff from My Gym will be visiting the children and they are so good at teaching the children about body movement.

Our Bible verse for this month is "Love your neighbor, as you love yourself." We will use *The Rainbow Fish* book to teach the children about sharing—a difficult concept for young children to learn. Other stories will be Daniel and the Lion's Den, God Made the Animals, The Parable of the Good Samaritan, The Armor of God and Life Lessons. Our Character Trait for the month of February is Caring.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

DINNER PRICES

ADULT - \$7 AND CHILD (ages 3-12) - \$5
Non-season reservations must be made weekly.
Please call 904-264-2241 ext. 278

February 5 - Pulled Pork, baked beans, potato salad, cornbread, cole slaw and banana pudding

February 12 - BBQ Chicken, vegetable medley, macaroni and cheese, roll, Caesar salad and strawberry cake

February 19 - Pot Roast, glazed carrots, red potatoes, roll, salad and Cinnamon Bread Pudding

February 26 - Boneless pork chop with gravy, black eyed peas, stir fry vegetables, cornbread, coleslaw and apple crisp

All Menus are subject to change.

ORANGE PARK METHODIST MEN

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our next meeting at 8:00 AM on Saturday, February 15, 2025. The program will be presented by Captain Mike Windom. He is the current Executive Officer of Fleet Readiness Center Southeast, and will fleet up to Commanding Officer this coming April. He will be sharing the mission of FRCSE and how the command impacts, influences and supports the community. All men of the church are members of the Methodist Men and are encouraged to come and enjoy one of our delicious breakfasts prepared by one of our cook teams.

ORANGE PARK METHODIST WOMEN

COME JOIN A CIRCLE

Deborah Circle

Chair - Connie Eden (904-343-5612)
Meets 4th Tuesday at 6:30 PM
Meets February in FLC room #6203

Elizabeth Circle

Co-Chairs - Sandy Carlson (904-945-9346) and
June Butacan (904-707-3771)
Meets 3rd Thursday at 9:30 AM
Meets in Fellowship Hall

Mary Lydia Circle

Chair - Cindy Koon (904-210-3546)
Meets 3rd Wednesday at 10:00 AM
Meets in Fellowship Hall

MUSIC MINISTRY

COME JOIN A CHOIR

We are so excited for this coming year and we have lots of activities, trips and musicals planned for the year.

This is the perfect time to join a choir as we are starting all new music and we have a choir for all ages:

CAROL CHOIR (K - 3RD GRADES) - Sundays from 5:30 - 6:10 PM

JAM CHOIR (4TH - 6TH GRADES) -Sundays from 6:30 - 7:30 PM

REGENERATION CHOIR (7TH - 12TH GRADES) - Sundays from 4:40 - 5:30 PM

CHANCEL BELLS -Tuesdays from 6:00 - 7:00 PM

PRAISE BAND (MUST AUDITION) - Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 PM

DYNAMICS (MEN'S CHOIR) - Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00 PM

INSPIRATIONS (WOMEN'S CHOIR) - Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00 PM

CHANCEL CHOIR (ADULT CHOIR) - Thursdays 7:00 - 8:30 PM

JAM FIELD TRIP

February is the perfect time to join a youth/children's choir! Come see what we're doing! JAM choir is looking forward to going to Sea World as a group on Saturday, February 8th. Please call Martha Reid with any questions.

JACKSONVILLE SYMPHONY

Come join us! Transportation provided. If interested, call Martha or Ruth in the Music department at 904-264-2241 x245

Symphony Concerts coming up:

Friday, March 7-Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto

- 7:30 pm concert, meet at 6:00 pm
- Sign up deadline: Mar 2
- Ticket: \$33

Friday, April 25- Dvorak's "New World" Symphony

- 7:30 pm concert, meet at 6:00 pm
- Sign up deadline: April 20
- Ticket: \$33

NIMBLE NEEDLES

Nimble Needles would like to invite anyone who is interested in crafting items of comfort for Clay County residents in nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, and Quigley House. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in room 6206 in the FLC at 10:00 AM. We are always in need of yarn and fabric, so if you have any unused items and would like to donate them to our ministry, they can be dropped off at the church office 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

ROCK "N" AGES

Start your month right by joining us at the Rock N' Ages Luncheon. It will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be playing Bingo. Please bring a dish to go with Chicken Tetrazzini.

Invite a friend and join us. If you have questions, please call Cindy Koon at 904-210-3546.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

USHERS

We need ushers at both the 9:30 and 11:00 AM worship services. Ushers are responsible for handing out bulletins, greeting the congregation members as well as helping collect the offering. They rotate on a monthly basis. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Mari Anne Peeples at 904-264-2241 x272.

COMMUNION SERVERS

If you are interested in helping serve Communion at either the 9:30 or 11:00 AM worship service, please contact Mari Anne Peeples at 904-264-2241 x272.

COMMUNION SET UP

We need help setting up Communion on the 4th Sunday of each month at the 9:30 AM service. Please call Mari Anne Peeples if you are interested in helping.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY EXTENDS OUR SYMPATHY To

Tina Martin in the death of her mother, Anne DiFranco

STAFF DIRECTORY

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FEBRUARY RECOGNITIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

Ron and Judy Willey	02/01	28 years
Tim and Cyndy Barnes	02/02	45 years
Scott and Amy Thomas	02/14	21 years
Dan and Sharon Richardson	02/15	22 years
Ridge and Judi Corbin	02/16	40 years
William and Carol Ann Freehafer	02/17	29 years
Ken and Kriss Johnson	02/18	19 years
Hugh and Mari Anne Peeples	02/21	44 years
Joe and Vicky Banks	02/23	34 years
Richard and Sharon Norman	02/26	42 years
Jerry and Burma Habeck	02/27	61 years

BIRTHDAYS

Virginia McCampbell	02/01	Ron Willey	02/12
William Frandsen	02/01	Pat Sessions	02/14
Barry Allred	02/01	Terri Dobbs	02/15
Emri Butacan	02/01	Colton Bailey	02/15
Dennie Williams	02/02	Jerry Avinger	02/17
Charles Lever	02/02	Jean Carlton	02/18
Diane Burshuliak	02/02	Barbara Turpish	02/18
Ashton Bailey	02/02	Lindsay Terry	02/18
Dick Keyworth	02/03	Willie Beardsley	02/19
Terry Flahive	02/04	Leslee Bryan	02/19
Vivienne Martin	02/04	Julie Hill	02/21
David Boyer	02/04	Don Maconi	02/21
Jennifer Moore	02/04	Gordon Reynolds	02/21
Wayne Mattox	02/04	Stephen Conrad	02/21
Ken McMaster	02/05	Craig Morris	02/22
Amanda Turpish	02/05	Lori Condie	02/22
David Theurich	02/05	Nate Messler	02/22
Geri Tucker	02/06	Gary Wade	02/24
Penelope Walden	02/06	Dominic Despres	02/25
Martha Brown	02/07	Chauncey Lever	02/26
Janet Grim	02/07	Melissa Arrowood	02/26
Daniel Frandsen	02/08	Kevin Reid	02/27
Ray Demming	02/09	Heather Watkins	02/27
Sean Swart	02/09	Bev Dayrit	02/27
Lyndsay Dougher	02/10	Rachel Harwood	02/27
Diantha Owen	02/10	Janice Reid	02/28
Alice Allred	02/10	Monty Crook	02/29
Bonnie Rustmann	02/11	Bob Rustmann	02/29